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MOTHER'S MAD DEED.

Catherine Wise Murdered Her Fifteen Year Old Daughter.

Ruth Swartz Found With Her Throat Horribly Gashed.

Frenzied Parent Ended Life's Trouble by Drown- ing In Deep Pool.

She Could Not Stand Thoughts of the Girl's Dis- grace, So She Killed Her.

Crazed by thoughts of her daughter's disgrace, Mrs. Catherine Wise deliberately murdered the girl and then drowned herself in a deep pool in an isolated stone quarry.

The quiet little village of Greentown, just across the Stark county line, was the scene of the frightful tragedy. The residents of the hamlet were called from their homes just at daylight Sunday morning to join in the search for the body of the unfortunate and unhappy woman.

Mutilated Remains.
The terribly mutilated remains of the girl, Ruth Swartz, a daughter of Mrs. Wise by a former husband, were found by Emory A. Wise, her step-father, at 4:30 o'clock Sunday morning. Four gashes were cut in her throat. One severed her left jugular vein and her windpipe. The others were in the same portion, but were not so deep. In the struggle the girl was hacked in her left hand and left shoulder, and her left thumb nail was knocked off by a blow from a two by four scantling about two feet long, which was found under her bed, and which had evidently been used by her slayer.

Missed His Wife.
Early Sunday morning the husband missed his wife. He went down stairs and discovered a light burning on a table in the room in which the murdered girl lay. He turned the light higher and saw the girl's corpse.

The murdered girl had resided in the country until several months ago, when she removed with her parents to the village.

Had Made Threats.
Mrs. Wise usually slept with her daughter in a down-stairs room. Saturday night she refused to stay there, but came up stairs. The husband states that the wife and daughter had consulted physicians in the village and in Akron, Saturday, with a view of getting relief for the daughter. Failing in this the wife and mother declared that she would never allow her daughter to live in disgrace. She said she would kill her and then end her own life.

Tried to Defend Herself.
The circumstances show that a few hours after midnight the frenzied mother stealthily crept to the bedside of her daughter and struck her a heavy blow with a club. The girl, who was 15 years of age, raised from her couch to defend herself and then was slashed with a razor. The maddened mother then rushed from the house and ran to the stone quarry, which lay immediately in front of the residence of D. J. Wise, father of her husband. Here her body was found and taken back to the home.

To the Stone Quarry.
Immediately after the news of the murder had been made known, a search was instituted for Mrs. Wise. As it grew lighter tracks were found leading in a northerly direction. They were those of a woman. Following this clew, the villagers were led to the abandoned Rober stone quarry, a little over a mile from the home of the family. In this unfrequented place, at the side of a dark

THE WEATHER:
Fair tonight—Fair and warmer Tuesday.

forbidding pool, the sunbonnet of Mrs. Wise was found. This fact led the searchers to believe that she had drowned herself. Ropes and hooks were soon secured and the pond dragged. The second time Mrs. Wise's body was brought to the surface. She had jumped from the steep bank into 20 feet of water.

The remains were taken to Greentown and placed beside those of her daughter.
Was in Trouble.
Coroner Schuffell of Canton was summoned. As soon as he arrived an inquest was held. At this it developed that the girl was in trouble. The mother learned of her daughter's trouble and worried until the anticipated disgrace drove her to destruction. To her there seemed but one way of atonement and that was death for her child and death for herself.

An Akron Boy.
Victor Montenyohl, 10 years of age, a son of Mr. and Mrs. George Montenyohl of 126 Commons st., this city, was at the Wise home Saturday night. He has been visiting with Mrs. Sarah Byerly, the mother of Mrs. Wise, for three weeks. Saturday evening he went over to the home of the Wise family. Early in the evening Mrs. Wise took him to a neighbors. While there she said, "You'd better stay here tonight." Acting on this suggestion the child was placed in bed, where he remained until Sunday morning.

Local Relatives.
Mrs. Wise was 40 years of age. Her maiden name was Catherine Byerly. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Byerly, who died about 10 years ago.

She had numerous relatives in this city, the families of George and Henry Montenyohl being blood relatives. She had always been considered of sound mind. Mrs. Wise's first husband (Swartz) was divorced from her. About 18 months ago she married Wise.

An Only Child.
Ruth Swartz, the murdered girl, was 16 years of age. She was the only child of Mrs. Wise. Several stories were circulated Monday connecting various men with the girl's downfall. None of these could be confirmed and it is not improbable that the matter will remain a secret.

Funerals.
The funerals of the two victims of the tragedy will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence. The services will be private.

INDISCRETION

Of Ruth Swartz Indirectly the Cause of the Crime.

Some days since Mrs. Kate Wise called on her family physician, Dr. Harry P. Hanson, and said to him that she was worried about the condition of Ruth, says the Canton News-Democrat.

Irregularities had made themselves manifest and the mother diligently sought for the truth. The daughter denied but the mother was not satisfied. She wanted the advice and counsel of a physician. She related the girl's condition and wanted something to bring about a changed state of affairs. This was refused by the physician. She called on Dr. L. E. Dougherty and related

her troubles. The physician suggested that there might be nothing wrong with the girl and prescribed a remedy for a cold. He assured the mother that if anything else was wrong with her daughter she would have to seek relief elsewhere unless nature were permitted to work out her own solution of the trouble. This was not satisfactory to the mother. She allowed a day or two to elapse and then becoming satisfied that her fears were well founded she bundled her daughter up and started for Akron. The mother saw no solution of the difficulty save criminal procedure. She wanted drugs and she insisted on having them. She said she could not stand the disgrace and would not.

Drugs or instruments must be used to accomplish the purpose desired. An Akron physician was visited. He made an examination and, noting the condition of the mother and the worry attending her, stated that he would send drugs to her. This was not satisfactory, but the mother came back home and waited for the arrival of the drugs. They did not come. Finally she succeeded in getting the doctor to make a trip from Akron to Greentown. The doctor came, smoked a cigar, declined to use instruments, refused to leave any medicine and went away. His actions only aggravated the distressed condition of the mother and did not remove the cause of her agitated state of mind. Another visit to Akron was made but this time with a little better success. On the plea that certain drugs were wanted for medicine she succeeded in obtaining from a drug store what she wanted and came back with it. But it didn't work.

One Last Plea.
Saturday evening, August 5, Mrs. Wise appeared at the office of Dr. Hanson and made a final demand that he treat her daughter. He refused but later went to the house after having been sent for and having been told that the girl was very ill and required his attention. He found her lying on a bed downstairs in the Wise home, apparently suffering. He was satisfied that the alleged pains were feigned and then the mother made an open demand that he proceed with a criminal operation. This he refused to do. Emory A. Wise was present and heard the conversation. He related it to the coroner, as will appear hereafter. He took no part in the controversy between the doctor and the mother. At 10 o'clock the doctor left. Mrs. Wise was in an angry mood. Her last hope had vanished. The physician refused to be fooled into the commission of an unlawful act. Before leaving he had wrung from the daughter a full confession of her troubles and states that she told him who was to blame for her condition. He relates that she mentioned the name of the son of a prominent citizen of Greentown and also the son of another man in the neighborhood. The Greentown lad being named as the cause of her ruin. The doctor says that she mentioned no one who was in any way related to her, by marriage or otherwise, and that no one of that character was in any way accused to his knowledge, either then or before. He says her statement was plain and concise, and that he will be able to reproduce it if occasion offers.

Her Last Words.
Coroner Schuffell retains possession of the letter that Mrs. Kate Wise left on the little table at the foot of the bed that contained her murdered child. It is not wisdom to print all of the contents of this letter, says the Canton News Democrat. It was dated July 30. It says that the writer has decided that she prefers death to disgrace and that "she knows all." She said she heard everything "when the stair door was open," and concludes the letter, the whole of which would not make eight lines in this type, "may God forgive you." After a "good bye" the letter is signed "Kate." Evidently the woman did not feel bad in parting forever with her husband.

There was no message of love or affection, and it was addressed to "Mr. Wise," hardly an endearing term from wife to husband in the last epistle she would ever indite. In the letter reference is made to "you and

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UNEXECUTED

Order Private Sale.

The Stocks Were Not In Great Demand

After the Proposed Trust Deal Failed.

Constable Grant Bowman Sued For Heavy Damages.

New Pleadings Filed—Court House News.

William A. Palmer, administrator of the estate of Frank D. Howard, has returned unexecuted an order of sale issued in Probate court several months ago.

He is in possession of a two-thirds interest in 315 shares of the American Cereal company, which belonged to the Howard estate. At that time the stock was appraised at \$13,650. The combine of all the cereal mills was then being agitated and the stock was in great demand. Immediately after the order was issued the deal was declared off and it was impossible to get the prize authorized by the court. An alias order will be issued.

Sheriff's Sales.
Sheriff Kelly sold the following properties Saturday: Residence of Mary E. Worrin, 224 Bluff st., to C. S. Cobbs, \$1,325; lots of Lazarus W. Stenes, Barberton, to Mrs. Elizabeth Laskaris, \$625; farm of Nellie McVey, Hudson township to Carlisle Birge, \$1,350.

Demurrer Filed.
The American Cereal Co., the defendant in an action for \$15,000 damages, commenced by Thomas T. Gilson, who was injured by being thrown from a car on the company's switch has filed a demurrer to the plaintiff's action. The company says that the petition shows that at the time the plaintiff received his alleged injuries, he was not engaged in the performance of any duty required of him by his contract of service with the defendant. The petition, the company claims, does not contain any averment that the defendant had any more knowledge of the dangers he was subjected to at the time he received the injury, than he, the defendant had, and it also appears from the petition that the danger, if any, was as apparent to the plaintiff, if not more so, than to any other person.

Constable Sued.
Catherine Gilling has filed a petition in Common Pleas court, asking judgment for \$2,500 against Constable Grant Bowman of Portage township. She alleges that on May 24, 1899, while the defendant was claiming and pretending to be executing his official duties, he wrongfully assaulted the plaintiff, beating, kicking and wounding her. Her clothes were torn and she was permanently disabled. Since that time she has been sick and lame and unable to attend to her household duties. She was confined to her bed for 31 days as a result of her injuries.

New Pleadings.
George N. Eby has filed a petition asking \$5,000 damages of the Akron & Cuyahoga Falls Rapid Transit company and the Village of Barberton.

He was thrown from a sleigh Feb. 13, 1899, and badly injured. He alleges that the accident was due to the careless and neglected condition of the street and car tracks.

J. B. Houghton has sued W. G. Robinson for \$369.88 alleged to be due on account.

Probate Court.
Inventories of the estates of Chas. C. Reisenbach and James Wallace have been filed. The estates are appraised at \$1,136.38 and \$968.72.

Marriage Licenses.
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Mary Garahan, Akron 23

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ELEVENTH

Anniversary of Akron Beyern Verein.

Five Thousand Visitors Enjoyed Sunday's Exercises.

Nearly five thousand people joined in the Akron Beyern Benevolent society's celebration of the eleventh anniversary of its organization by picnicking at Voris's grove on East South st. Sunday.

Seven hundred from Cleveland, 100 from Canton, and 75 from Massillon, came to Akron and assisted the local lodge in its celebration. The German Military band, accompanied the Cleveland delegation, as did also their singing society of 40 members.

Lawrence W. Fenn, president of the local society, in his address of welcoming the guests, reviewed the history of the local society. Ten of its eleven charter members are living. Although since its organization \$4,000 has been paid out in the form of benefits, there remains a surplus of \$2,000 in the treasury.

Messrs. Paul E. Werner and Geo. W. Sieber, addressed the people in response to a request. They were given splendid ovations. Both speakers criticized the attempt that has been made to promote an Anglo-American Alliance.

Mr. C. Ritterer, on behalf of the Cleveland visitors, thanked the Akron society for its hospitable entertainment of out of town guests. Music was furnished by the Eighth Regiment and the Cleveland bands. The grove was deserted about 7 o'clock in the evening, after all had expressed themselves as having had a very pleasant day. Many went to Turner hall where an entertainment was given in the evening. From there the out-of-town people departed for home.

The officers of the Akron society are: Lawrence W. Fenn, president; John Volkman, vice president; Fred E. Korschner, secretary; Frank Kuntz, treasurer.

LONG JOURNEY.

Akron Young Man Going to the Sand- wich Islands.

Mr. and Mrs. James F. Chapin of 1128 South Main st., have received a letter from their son, Robert H., who enlisted at the local recruiting office a few months ago to go to the Philippines as a soldier of the regular army.

When the young man got to San Francisco, he was rejected owing to his failing to pass successfully the physical examination.

His letter to his parents states that he will in a few days sail for the Sandwich Islands, where he will represent a San Francisco business firm.

DIED OF GRIEF.

Her Son Never Returned From the Spanish War.

Mrs. Wilson, wife of L. B. Wilson, ex-postmaster at River Styx, died at her home Thursday. Mrs. Wilson had a son who went to the front during the Spanish-American war and died of the fever. All efforts to locate his body failed. Mrs. Wilson allowed this matter to prey upon her mind until she died. She was related to ex-City Clerk Frank Wilson of this city.

PASSED AWAY.

Death of Prominent East Akron Citizen.

John F. Viall Died Early Sunday Morning—Brief Biography.

John F. Viall, the well known Sixth ward undertaker, aged 74 years, three months and six days, died shortly before 6 o'clock Sunday morning of bright's disease, with which he had been troubled for 20 years. Within the last few months he had rapidly grown worse and death was only a question of time.

Mr. Viall was born April 30, 1825, in Chautauque county, N.Y. He removed to Ohio when he was five years old, living on a farm in Springfield township. His father conducted the woolen mills in Middlebury. When Mr. Viall was 22 years of age he learned the cabinet-maker's trade which he continued until 1886, when he entered into the undertaking business, which he followed until his death. The firm was known as Viall & Son. Arthur G. was formerly identified with the firm, but since his death Otis K. has been associated with his father.

He married Miss Cornelia C. Wheeler, a Tallmadge born lady, on November 4, 1847. Seven children were the result of their union. Four of the children are still living. Otis K., who was associated with his father; Edwin W., of Noblesville, Ind.; Laura C., wife of Charles B. Macey, and Frances, now Mrs. William Owendorf, 216 River st.

Mr. Viall was for many years secretary of the East Akron Cemetery association. He has been in the undertaking business for one-third of a century. The business will undoubtedly be continued by his son, Otis K. Viall. Deceased was a member of Apollo lodge, I.O.O.F.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at his residence, 218 River st.

DEMAND

For Exhibition Privileges at Street Fair.

More and Better Attractions Than Ever Presented in Akron.

Many people throughout the country are making application for exhibition privileges at the Akron Free Carnival and Street Fair, to be held from September 13 to 16.

Indications are that there will be more and better attractions presented to the public at the street fair than were ever assembled together in Akron before. The attractions will be carefully selected, not only for superb merits of amusement and entertainment, but also for refined and elevating character.

Among other applications, persons have asked for permission to conduct a baby show. Whether or not permission will be granted for this feature of amusement is not yet known, but it is safe to assume that it will be one of the most prominent events of the week.

Plans for the decorations and booths will be ready in a few days. They will be entirely novel and original, and are sure to contain many delightful surprises to visitors to the fair.

Akron's citizens are just now beginning to realize the magnitude of this big event. It will be the largest affair of its kind Akron ever witnessed. Pains nor expense will not be spared in obtaining everything conducive to the success of the undertaking.

Being of a nature that will not only benefit those who display their wares but also every person in Akron, it is estimated that the attendance will be large at every exhibition.

Medina's New Club.

Mr. A. C. Baehel, president of the Ohio Association of Democratic clubs, attended the Medina Democratic convention Saturday, to which he had been invited to organize a club. A bustling organization was formed. President Baehel was in Columbus yesterday.

Natural Gas

Notice to the Citizens of Akron:

In order to introduce into all homes in the city of Akron in the shortest possible time the use of Natural Gas, The East Ohio Gas company will give

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Of gas used for domestic purposes during the year commencing July 1st, 1899, and ending July 1st, 1900.

As the company is making all house connections at actual cost of materials and labor, it believes that this saving in the price of gas will go largely towards the expense of piping the houses and will give the company the advantage of having every citizen (even the poorest) as a consumer, thus affording to all the best and cheapest fuel. To encourage the use of gas by manufacturers, special rates will be given on application at the office.

EAST OHIO GAS CO.

E. STRONG, President

LAST LINKS.

WANTED—Good willing boy to learn printer's trade. Apply at DEMOCRAT office.

L. A. S. PICNIC—The Ladies' aid society of the Wabash Ave. Church of Christ will picnic at the Gorge Wednesday.

EXCAVATING—Excavating for the new Hamilton building was commenced Monday morning. The work will be pushed through with rapidity.

FALSE ALARM—The fire department was called to box 48 Saturday night. There was no sign of a fire. The alarm was turned in by some mischief maker.

GAVE THEM A RIDE—Capt. Chas. Hatch, foreman of the State boat Chas. E. Perkins, took a party of Akron friends on a junketing trip to Millport, Sunday.

GUM STOLEN—Sunday between 1 and 3 o'clock 300 sticks of gum were stolen from the slot machines in the Erie depot. Officer McConnell discovered that the machines were broken.

TO ELECT OFFICERS—The directors of the Northern Ohio Traction company will meet at Cleveland Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock to elect the permanent officers of the organization.

REUNION—The reunion of Sherman's Fighting Brigade, composed of the Sixty-fourth and Sixty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, the Sixth Ohio Battery and McLaughlin's squad of Ohio Cavalry, takes place this year at Crestline August 15, 16, 17 and 18.

LEG INJURED—Mr. John Leonard, of 114 Ellwood ave., and his daughter, Myrtle, were thrown from a carriage Sunday while near the Western Linoleum company's plant. Mr. Leonard's leg was badly bruised. His daughter escaped uninjured. The horse was caught before running very far.

HAND BROKEN—A. C. Barbaum, representing the A. G. Spalding & Bro. Bicycle Supply company, is a guest at the Buchtel. Sunday he started out for a short ride, but soon after starting had the misfortune to be thrown from his wheel, the result that a bone in his left hand was broken and the hand otherwise injured. Dr. C. A. Dixon attended to the injuries.

AKRON CHILDREN

Delighted Picnickers at Randolph Park—Prize Cake Walk.

Shirley Fleming, aged 12 years, and Little Minnie Bell, aged 9 years, Akron's youngest cake walkers, won first prize and honors at the cake walk given at the Canton Axle company's picnic at Randolph park Saturday. The prizes were a gold ring and gold cuff buttons. So pleased were the spectators with the exhibition of the young walkers that two men rushed in from the crowd and each catching one of the youthful winners carried them about the hall on their shoulders. Later the floor was cleared and the children were persuaded to give an exhibition walk which they did in a most entertaining manner.

NAVIGATION

On the Canal Tied Up by a Broken Aqueduct.

The canal aqueduct over Tinker's Creek near Twelve-mile lock broke down Friday, closing navigation between Akron and Cleveland. It will cost more than \$1,000 to repair the damage. Canal men are complaining because the canal officials went on a junketing trip Sunday instead of repairing the break. A number of boats are tied up on each side of the aqueduct level.

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